

Living in rural areas, I have been an early adopter of satellite technologies: DirectTV in 1996, XM radio in 2001. I have watched conventional broadcasters try to stop each of these technologies, trying to force satellite providers to carry ALL local channels thinking this would break them, now trying to stop satellite radio from carrying local content.

I would seriously examine the motives of these monopolistic interests. They are given license to the PUBLIC airwaves and then pretend to serve the public interest with Howard Stern and Bubba the Love Sponge, meanwhile trying to take out any competition. It IS in the public's interest to have a vibrant broadcasting network for public safety, but perhaps this is just the way that Clearchannel and other large networks that arguably do more to limit choices in local markets will be broken up by market forces.

I applaud the low-power FM initiative you guys have adopted. I think it is that initiative and the demise of these large monopolies that will protect local markets and provide for the public safety.